

## **Lewis Little Folks Day Care Center**

### **- Weed control and mulch:**

In July 2003, the Day Care Center requested an environmentally preferable solution to a weed/bee problem. In the old Day Care Center clover and other weeds were attracting bees, and the staff was concerned children may be stung. An organic lawn care company suggested a nontoxic lemon juice/vinegar herbicide called Burnout. Burnout is replacing Roundup in popular natural areas around Cleveland. This weed



We had also searched for a non-chemically-treated sod (never found one) to use if the children need to move to the new Day Care Center before the grass grows, but it turned out sod will most likely not be needed. Also, the mulch being used was recycled human waste. The mulch is a good biobased, recycled alternative, and should be used in other areas; but it was deemed inappropriate for Day Care use.